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1. AN ADVANCE PARTY OF SOME 30 GUSH EMUNIM MEMBERS
SETTLED INTO AN ARMY CAMP ALONG THE NABLUS-JENIN ROAD OCT. 2, WITH
GOI APPROVAL. FROM PRESS REPORTS, WE JUDGE THE SITE TO BE AT
35DEGREES11'E., 32DEGREES16' N. A MILITARY CAMP JUST EAST
OF THE NABLUS-JENIN ROAD ABOUT 10 KM. NORTHWEST OF NABLUS.
THIS SITE IS LOCATED WITHIN 3 KM. OF SEBASTIA THE ORIGINAL
OBJECTIVE OF THE ELON MOREH SETTLEMENT GROUP AT CAMP QADDUM
AND ONE OF GUSH EMUNIM'S 11 PROPOSED SITES ON THE WEST BANK.

2. ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST, WIVES AND SOME 70 CHILDREN
WILL JOIN THE ADVANCE PARTY ON OCTOBER 5 FOR A TOTAL NUCLEUS
OF 150 SETTLERS.

3. INITIALLY, AT LEAST, THE GROUP WILL REPORTEDLY LIVE IN
TENTS AND CARAVANS, NOT PERMANENT STRUCTURES, BUT WILL ENJOY
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ARMY SERVICES INCLUDING MEALS.

4. MOST OF THE SETTLERS WILL REPORTEDLY COMMUTE TO WORK IN
NETANYA, BUT SEVERAL MAY DISPLACE THE SEVEN ARABS WHO WORK
IN THE CAMP'S MECHANICAL WORKSHOP.

5. INCLUDED IN THE ADVANCE PARTY ARE NINE MEMBERS OF THE DOTHAN

GUSH EMUNIM GROUP WHICH ATTEMPTED TO SETTLE UNSUCCESSFULLY
SEPTEMBER 28 AT THE POLICE STATION IN THE VICINTIY OF SANUR.
(ABOUT 35 12 E., 32 21 N.).

6. HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS OF OTHER NEW GUSH SETTLEMENT GROUPS ARE
REPORTED LIVING TEMPORARILY IN THREE OF GUSH'S ESTABLISHED
WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS: QADDUM, PE'ERIM AND MA'ALE ADUMIM.
GUSH LEADERS MET IN OFRA OCT. 1 TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS WHICH THE
INFLUX HAD CAUSED.

7. COMMENT: THE TEMPORARY LOCATION OF "UNWANTED" SETTLERS
IN ARMY FACILITIES IS AN EXPEDIENT WHICH DATES BACK TO 1968
WHEN THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS OF KIRYAT ARBA WERE LOCATED
TEMPORARILY IN THE HEBRON MILGOV HEADQUARTERS AFTER AN UN-
AUTHORIZED SQUAT AT THE PARK HOTEL. THE GOI HAD RECOURSE TO
THE SAME EXPEDIENT IN DECEMBER, 1975 WHEN IT RE-LOCATED
SETTLERS "TEMPORARILY" FROM SEBASTIYA TO CAMP QADDUM. THE
LATTER SETTLEMENT WAS EVENTUALLY GIVEN OFFICIAL STATUS IN JULY,
1977. AS OF NOON, OCT. 3, THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT OF REACTION
BY WEST BANKERS LIVING IN THE AREA.
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